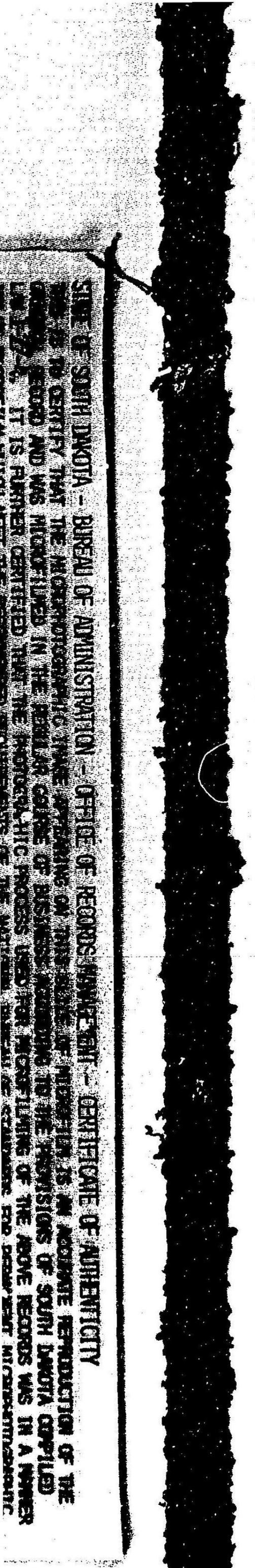
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS ROLL OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE RECORDS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS
AND THAT SAID RECORDS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA LAW GOVERNING SUCH MICROFILMING. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS
USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER

WHEREAS, it is hereby extended that commendation be given to one Clayton O. Vickmark, Agent for the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, for his unselfish and tireless effort in the coordination of identification of casulties of the Summer 1972 flood disaster in the Black Hills region of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota flood disaster of 1972 was the greatest natural disaster in the history of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the damage inflicted by said disaster included the tragic and untimely deaths of some 237 persons; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy struck on the night of June 9, 1972 leaving casulties with little or no clothing or normal means of identification on their bodies; and

WHEREAS, the victims bodies were, due to the force of the current, cut and bruised to the extent that immediate relatives could not identify them; and

WHEREAS, one Clayton O. Vickmark, Agent for the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation did, under the most difficult circumstances, coordinate the identification effort for all victims using his special technical knowledge and exercising most remarkable personal restraint, patiences and sympathy, for and with the victims relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, he did, with the assistance of four other staff members, identify 237 victims including many from eight other states; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1972 he completed 25 years of service to the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, on behalf of all the people of South Dakota do hereby bestow upon

CLAYTON O. VICKMARK

the highest commendation and recognition for the above listed services in the face of adversity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 4th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE